

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1899.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EIGHT CENTS COTTON.

Neill, the cotton expert, who always comes to the aid of cotton speculators and others to whose advantage it is to keep the price of cotton down until the crop has passed out of the hands of the farmers, has lost his grip, and although the Liverpool buyers pretend to accept his twelve million bale estimate of the cotton crop as correct, the price has advanced steadily in spite of every effort they have made to keep it down. For neither Liverpool alone nor Liverpool and New York combined, have had the power to regulate the price of cotton. The determining factor in the cotton situation this year has been the southern cotton mills. The mills have bought cotton from the very beginning of the season, and they are still buying all that comes within their reach. They know that the cotton crop is short and that the price is certain to be much higher later in the season when the northern and foreign spinners realize that there is a shortage and the scramble to obtain a supply begins. The southern mill men know also that there is now the greatest demand for cotton goods, and the indications are that next year the mills of the world will be unable to supply cotton goods sufficient to fill their orders. Being on the ground and knowing that the crop is short they have not been deceived by Neill's extravagant prediction, but have turned their information to good account, and are buying cotton while it is comparatively cheap. Within the next thirty or forty days Liverpool and New York will awake to the fact that they are short on cotton, and then the scramble will begin. Prices are certain to go higher than they are at present, higher, perhaps, for a time, while the flurry to cover shorts continues, than the situation warrants, but there is every reason to believe that there will be a substantial advance in price that will hold until the next crop becomes a determining factor sometime next spring. The following extract from a private letter from a prominent New York cotton house will give an idea of how the situation is viewed by well informed cotton men who are blind followers of Neill:

The spinning industry throughout the world, and especially in the United States and Great Britain shows an enormous expansion, with every prospect of its continuance for another year. So far there is every prospect of a moderate crop of cotton, and we expect that spinners will soon believe what they have been loath to do, viz: that the production this year is decidedly less than the consumption.

"They are already selling their output for months ahead on the basis of 7½ to 8 cents for middling cotton, and it is reasonable to expect that this discrepancy between the price of raw material and that of the manufactured article will soon be adjusted. In view of the condition of trade the country over, it is hardly probable that this adjustment will be brought about by any considerable decline in the price of goods."

This is the condition that the farmers of the south have to face. We believe cotton will go still higher, and the wise man will hold the remainder of his crop until he can sell to better advantage.

Successful Lumber Company.

The secretary of state was yesterday notified that the Bridgers & McKethan Lumber Company, of Burke, Sumter County, had increased its capital stock from \$30,000 to \$100,000. The increase, it is understood, is made with a view to increasing the company's plant.

ATLANTA SUBSCRIBES TO CENTURY FUND.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—No morning services were held in any Methodist church here today, the congregations gathering at the Grand opera house, where a mass meeting was held. Bishops Galloway of Mississippi and Candler of Georgia were the speakers, and the cause of education in the south and the 20th century fund now being raised by the Methodists were advanced by subscriptions amounting to \$16,000.

Price of Cotton Steadily Rising.

"Do you think cotton will reach 8 cents?" is a question many merchants, factors, farmers and others are asking.

One of the most prominent cotton men in the city was asked that question last night eight by one of the leading merchants. He replied very positively in the affirmative.

Many are of the opinion that it is merely a matter of time before the price will reach this mark and possibly go above it.

To many farmers it matters not if the price advances later on because they cannot afford to hold. Naturally not being bankers they are compelled to pay bills as they fall due.

The only way out of it is for them to borrow so as to enable them to hold their cotton. Many say that this cannot be done because the interest would soon eat up the profit gained by holding.

Good and reasonable offers are inducing many farmers to try this plan, and if they can see their way clear it seems to be the only solution of the problem.

A glance at the cotton market reports of the inland towns of South Carolina and Georgia will show that the price in the latter towns is above that in the former.—Augusta Chronicle.

The opening of the schools throughout the country is the occasion for comments on the school book problem. Yesterday, says the News and Courier, two of our exchanges from different sections of the country, Alabama and Indiana, voiced the common complaint. The Indianapolis Sentinel says: "The school book law was passed in the interest of the people, and has served its purpose admirably for ten years. But it is now being juggled in the interest of the school book contractors. The thing is assuming the dimensions of a scandal and Gov. Mount should call a halt at once." Alabama appears to be in a worse plight than Indiana, for there they have no school book law. The Birmingham Age Herald says: "The price of text books is inordinately, outrageously high in this State. Such books are controlled by a trust, and when it is not sternly met as it has been in Tennessee, it robs without measure. In this State there is no State law or State protection covering text books. The School Book Trust, therefore, finds here a rich field. Each county superintendent makes the best terms he can, but in no case are they very good." This is a live subject, the cost of school books being complained of more than almost anything else, and those in position to obtain relief should give it earnest attention.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at J. F. W. DeLoe's Drug Store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

John Gary Evans, who now lives in Connecticut, having married Miss Plume of that state, visited Columbia the other day for the purpose of settling up the amount which he was due the state through the penitentiary.

It does not appear, however, that Tillman has made any great effort to pay for the car load of brick for which he owes Col. Neal should not be made to bear the whole onus of the penitentiary investigation, and, if Tillman and others do not settle up, the attorney general should institute proceedings against them and compel them to pay their just and righteous debts. If South Carolina could receive all the money which she has lost through rebates, bond deals, dispensary shortages, penitentiary embezzlements, etc., many thousands of dollars would be raised which would materially reduce the taxes next year.

Now if the Tillmanites desire to become real reformers here is their chance. Instead of reducing taxes they have made them higher, and, although it is a late day for them to carry out their promises, it is better late than never.—Darlington News

The Darlingtonian says that Darlington has passed the million mark in her tobacco sales for this year.

CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cts. Sold by Hughson-Ligon Co.

Climate and Crop Condition.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Section.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 26, 1899

The following is the weekly crop bulletin issued by Section Director Bauer yesterday:

The week ending Monday, September 25, 1899, averaged about three degrees per day cooler than usual, with minimum temperature low enough for light frost in spots over the extreme western counties and in exposed localities. The frosts were not heavy enough to do any damage. There was a maximum temperature of 88 degrees at Blackville and Yemassee and a minimum of 43 degrees at Greenville, for the week.

There were frequent light to heavy showers over the entire State on the 18th, 19th and 20th, but the rainfall was in excess of one inch at a few points only. Locally there were heavy winds which blew out some open cotton, which in turn was muddled and stained by the heavy rains; otherwise the rains were not damaging, and they were generally beneficial, supplying enough moisture for growing crops and fitting the soil for plowing for small grains.

Some oats, rye and barley have already been sown, but this work has only begun. The contemplated acreage of wheat is larger than usual.

Cotton continues to open freely and picking made favorable progress. Nearly all the bottom and middle crop bolls are already open, and picking will be finished earlier than usual. There is a heavily fruited second growth reported from many localities, but the unanimous opinion is that those bolls cannot mature. Sea island cotton has improved slightly since last week, and picking has become active.

Some corn was housed during the week and late fodder gathered. There is yet much corn that will require two weeks longer absence of frost to mature.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Florence—Lynch: Weather continues cool and dry, very favorable for harvesting the cotton; rice has made a final failure in this section; cotton picking progressing finely.—E. J. Smith.

Orangeburg—Springfield: Weather this week has been favorable for all farm work; cotton picking progressing unusually fast; minor crops look well, with the exception of the cane, which is not up to the average of other years.—D. E. Sturkie.

Charleston—Charleston: Moderate rainfall revived growing crops in general and afforded excellent opportunities to the truck growing interests for planting beans, beets, lettuce, cabbage, and setting strawberry plants; sea island cotton picking begun in earnest; top bolls opening prematurely; slight improvement over last week; rice harvest at its height; an excellent crop.—L. N. Jeunofsky.

Darlington—Darlington: Cotton picking progressing rapidly, nearly all being open on early planted cotton; cutting and curing hay the order of the day; yield of hay very good; quite cool nights and mornings.—E. R. McIver.

Clarendon—Pinewood: Heavy rains this week stopped cotton gathering last few days, but otherwise doing little damage; the rice crop is very promising; sugar cane looks fine; peas are doing well; the hay crop about ready for the mower; turnips have been planted, good stands are generally reported.—R. S. DesChamps.

Williamsburg—Cox: First of the week rainy and warm, latter part cool; cotton about all open, and the crop will be gathered by the 15th of October; gardens, peas, and potatoes doing well.—L. N. Jones.

Kershaw—Tillers' Ferry: Heavy rain on the 20th damaged cotton blown on the ground by previous wind storm; good seasons and cool nights will assure a heavy pea crop; the yield of sorghum is light, owing to pithy condition of stalk; where a stand of turnips were secured they are fine; much wheat will be sown this fall.—J. W. Gardoer.

City of Mexico, Sept. 25.—President Diaz cannot go to Chicago on account of the illness of his wife. He has appointed Ignacio Hariscal, minister of foreign relations, to go as his representative.

Doctors Say;

Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels.

The Secret of Health.

The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Cure all Liver Troubles.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE,

Davidson, N. C.

63d YEAR

BEGINS SEPT. 7th, 1899.

Ten professors and instructors. Courses for A. B., B. S., and A. M. Laboratories well equipped. Gymnasium complete. Waterworks and baths. Classical, Mathematical, Scientific, Literary, Biblical and Medical.

J. B. SHEARER,

President.

July 11—2m

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE of sundry executions to me directed, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, in front of the Court House in the City of Sumter, on the first Monday in OCTOBER, next, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary, within the legal hours of sale, the following property:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Bishopville township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, containing 30 acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of estate of Mrs. Skisner, Tommy Alexander and John Holland; levied upon and to be sold as the property of Sidney Bines at the suit of the State for taxes.

One lot with building thereon in the City of Sumter, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, bounded by lands of the estate of James Winn and Horace Haroy and by Factory Street of said city; levied upon and to be sold as the property of Samuel Mayrant at the separate suits of the State and City of Sumter for taxes.

B. G. PIERSON,
Sheriff Sumter County.

Sept 6

Last Teacher's Examination.

OFFICE OF

CO. SUPERINTENDENT EDUCATION, SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 20, 1899

THERE WILL BE AN EXAMINATION of Teachers for Certificates on the 13th of October, (2d Friday), open to white and colored.

White teachers who did not attend the Summer School and have not been excused by the State Board had better attend, for if their certificates expire before another Summer School they will not be renewed.

J. EDWIN REWBERT,
Co. Supt. Education.

Sept. 20—2t.

Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, October 12, at 7 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

B. J. RHANE, W. M.
Attest—P. C. MOSS, Sec.

RELIEF CAME.



Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salubritty, Ga., Aug. 8th, 1898, writes: Benedicta has certainly been a blessing to my sixteen year old daughter. She was in wretched health and had missed four months.

Two bottles of Benedicta have entirely restored her health. The monthly periods have returned and are now painless and regular.

Do you suffer from Painful, Irregular or Suppressed Menstruation? Benedicta has cured many suffering women and will cure you in the privacy of your home, without the necessity of physician's examinations.

Its marvelous action on the distinctly feminine organs, heals and strengthens them so that the monthly periods may be regular and painless. Headache, Dizziness, Nervousness, that dragging sensation and those terrible pains in the back, hips and abdomen quickly disappear.

Sold by all Druggists or sent post-paid for \$1. A box of "Monthly" Regulating Pills to use in connection, is with each bottle.

LADIES BLUE BOOK sent free to any address. A sample box of "Monthly" Regulating Pills sent for 10c. in stamps. Address, Woman's Department, New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Mention this paper.

Sold by Hughson-Ligon Co.

1899. 1900.

WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

Are you wide awake enough to use 20th Century ideas or are you satisfied with snail pace methods?

Our methods are, buy for Cash and sell for Cash. Buy close and be satisfied with a small margin.

Having bought early we are not affected as yet, by the little advance in some lines of merchandise.

This season we have added 2,000 square feet to our floor space which will be used largely for showing our elegant line of

Cloaks, Capes, House Wrappers and Tailor-made Suits.

As usual, our assortment of Suit Patterns and Trimmings is up to its high standard of elegance, and it is not possible to see the new shadings elsewhere which are being shown this season in Venetians, Ladies' Cloths, Poplins, Scotch Cheviot Plaid Skirtings, Fancy Crepons in all of the novel importations from foreign looms.

Having permanently established the fact that we handle only good shoes, we merely make the statement that this department has been greatly enlarged and the line of both Ladies' and Children's Shoes is more complete than ever before.

In this announcement we extend to you our semi-annual invitation to call in and make our establishment your headquarters, whether to purchase or not. Come in and get a posting on prices.

Very Truly Yours,

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.

PROPRIETORS OF

Sumter's Leading Dressmaking Establishment

—AND—

Regulators of Prices for this Section of the State.

Sept 20

1st LOAD.

Our Mr. Stansill will return this week with our first importation of horses and mules.

H. HARRY.

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 18, 1899.

MOVED UP

L. B. DURANT

Has moved his stock of

Hardware, Stoves, Cutlery, Crockery, &c.,

Into the large store next to First National Bank, lately occupied by the Ducker & Bultman Company.

And is now better prepared with a larger stock than ever, to supply the public with everything in his line. Especial attention is directed to the very large line of

Stoves and Stove Fixtures,

Both cooking and heating, and also to our large line of

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, WINDOW GLASS, PAINTS, OILS.

Our regular lines of Hardware, Tools, Cutlery, Guns, Ammunition, Harness, Saddlery, Housefurnishing Goods, &c., will be found larger and more complete.

We also carry Engine and Mill Supplies. Remember, all our stoves are warranted. Call and see us. Very respectfully,

L. B. DURANT.

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